



Region IV Public Health Training Center

Region IV Public Health Training Center Pathways to Practice Scholar Field Placement Program Kentucky – Spring Scholar Position

AGENCY: Martin County Health Department
POSITION TITLE: Martin County Health Department Intern
LOCATION: 136 Rockcastle Rd, Inez, Kentucky, 41224
AGENCY WEBSITES: WWW.MARTINHEALTHKY.ORG
NUMBER OF POSITIONS AVAILABLE: 2 (Spring 2025)
DESIRED START DATES: January 2025

* Interested students should apply as soon as possible. Applications are reviewed and considered in the order they are received. Submit to Elizabeth Kidwell at elkidwell@emory.edu

Note: To apply to more than one posting, submit separate applications specifying the position title in the subject line. Please be specific in your email *and* cover letter.

DESCRIPTION:

The following position is offered as a field placement through the Region IV Public Health Training Center (<https://r4phtc.org/>).

Note: This position has the option to be conducted on a hybrid or remote basis.

Martin County Health Department works as a community leader in our small, impoverished corner of Appalachia. 45% of our children live in poverty today - a wholly unacceptable statistic - yet we are the community where President Johnson declared the "War on Poverty" some 60 years ago. Under new leadership, our health department has been reinvigorated with 11 new programs and new investment, but we need ambitious, energetic talent to grow our capacity and make the most of these new opportunities. There will be opportunities to co-author research publications on a vaccine hesitancy study we've just completed. We also could use student involvement in getting new programs established in addiction/harm reduction, diabetes, tobacco, vaccine outreach, HIV PrEP/awareness, women's health, breast cancer awareness, among others from program planning and building to outreach and community engagement. These are in addition to our traditional child vaccinations, WIC, award winning HANDS (new parent home visitation) programs. We would welcome as many students as may have an interest in being a part of our dynamic team through shared learning opportunities with any of these special projects. Our mission is to serve our community through inclusive partnerships that expand holistic wellness for all in our community.

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The position will be tailored towards the student's interests, allowing them to participate in anything from program planning, community outreach, or program design. The student will work on co-authorship and program planning during the field placement experience.

PREFERRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- Creativity
- Innovative Thinking
- Leadership Abilities
- Self-Starter

THE STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES:

- Co-authoring research publication on a vaccine hesitancy study
- Assist with program planning, startup and development in a wide range of areas

PUBLIC HEALTH COMPETENCIES/SKILLS STUDENT MAY STRENGTHEN DURING PLACEMENT:

1. Policy Development/Engagement
2. Program Planning
3. Budgeting and Financial Management
4. Community Partnership /Engagement
5. Cross-sector Partnerships
6. Leadership and Systems Thinking/ Strategic Thinking
7. Problem Solving
8. Data Analytics/ Assessment/Data- based Decision Making
9. Public Health Science
10. Effective Communication
11. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
12. Change Management

TRAVEL: Limited local travel to schools and other events where the health department sponsors activities.

POSITION TYPE: Region IV Public Health Training Center Field Placements (for MPH/MSPH students)

QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY:

Preference will be given to masters or doctoral level public health graduate students. [Past recipients of the Pathways to Practice Award are not eligible to apply again.](#)

- Please include a cover letter with the following:
 - The semesters you are applying for (Spring 2025)
 - The title of the position you are applying to
 - Citizenship or permanent resident visa status
- Please include a resume with the following:
 - The name and department of your degree program
 - Year of study
 - Expected graduation date
- Please also include the following with your application:
 - Writing sample
 - Unofficial Transcript

WORK AUTHORIZATION: U.S. Citizen, Permanent U.S. Resident

Citizenship statement: The Region IV Public Health Training Center is a federally-funded program which has a citizenship requirement. To be eligible to apply for this position, you must be either a U.S. citizen, a non-citizen U.S. national, or a foreign national having in your possession a visa permitting permanent residence in the U.S.

AWARD LEVEL: \$3,500 award

* Note: Travel costs will not be covered by the program beyond the total \$3,500 award.

APPROXIMATE HOURS PER WEEK & DURATION: 10-15 hours per week for 10-12 weeks.

**Students may be limited in the minimum or maximum number of hours they can work per semester based on their university, school or degree's policies. If this work will also be used as a graduation requirement, the student should verify those requirements and abide by their university policies.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Please read the “*Student Scholar Field Placement Guidebook*” for more details about the Pathways to Practice Scholars Program and requirements. It is located on the Field Placements page of the Region IV PHTC website: <https://r4phtc.org/field-placements/>

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit the required documents following specifications above (**writing sample, unofficial transcript, resume, and cover letter indicating the agency name and citizenship/visa status**) to Elizabeth Kidwell, elkidwell@emory.edu with the subject line “**Spring 2025 Applicant: KY Martin County Health Department**”

*PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE AGENCY DIRECTLY